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Sent: Wednesday, April 07, 2010 9:54 AM
To: Syska, Helena; Beacher, Andrew; Gourley, Nancy
Cc: stushatz@comcast.net
Subject: Brenda Baker comments on CTP draft

Importance: High

Dear Ms. Syska, and Mr. Beacher,

- Brenda's recommendaton and closing comment: I do not believe the proposed report meets the needs of the community - neither Western Loudoun or Eastern Loudoun. I would be opposed to accepting this draft and recommend that the County meet again with both me and Stu Shatz.

I wish I had more time to review this very complex and detailed document. Most of what is in this document is not what I recall that was discussed at the meetings that I attended. While my comments are based on just a quick read of the draft report, it appears to me that the County officials who headed this committee decided they would bring a couple of folks to represent their area, get a little feedback from them, and then arbitrarily make the decisions on proposed routing without our consideration.

- My interests focus on servicing Loudoun County. Our transportation needs right now in LC are not being met. I will comment mostly on Section III. Transit Service Recommendations:

1. The 7 to 7 on 7 service does not adequately serve LC and its residents. Several stops need to be incorporated on the LC side of Drainesville so that LC folks can get to the IHOP, McDonalds, cleaners, Giant and the Christ Redeemer Church more easily without having to walk across the four-lane highway. This past December 2009, when LINK was distributing food to literally thousands of Sterling residents, mothers were trying to cross the big highway with baby in hand, and groceries.

- Additionally, I would recommend service to the Herndon Park and Ride so that folks can get a metro bus into D.C. For site seeing, lunch with colleagues, etc.

- I would be opposed to the use of funds to pay for transportation to Tysons Corner and Reston because we have the Dulles Town Center and the Towne Center at the LC/Fairfax border for local Loudoun folks who need to depend local transportation. Why give the revenue to Fairfax county?

2. We should have local transportation from Sterling to Purcellville, Hamilton, Leesburg, and Ashburn. The folks in Sterling love going to the Leesburg Outlet, going to the flea markets on Saturdays, but I do not see transportation for this. For instance this coming Saturday, a lot is going on at the Stone Bridge School. Volunteers are needed, but there is no local transportation to the School, or that area available from Sterling to Ashburn. Thus only the ones with cars can volunteer.

3. We need additional stops along Sterling Blvd. One man just recently was killed because he was trying to cross the big four lane blvd in a wheel chair. This may not be a good example, but we need more stops to get folks to where they need to go. For example, LC is losing a lot of revenue because there is no local stop near the industrial center at Shaw Road. I am witness to folks who stay at the local hotels who are in from France and other parts of the world who want

to go to the Leesburg Outlet, the Space Museum, and other sites in Loudoun, but there is no local transportation during the week and never available on the weekends. Loudoun is missing out on a lot of revenue.

4. There is no local transportation on the weekend for the most part to accommodate the needs of the community.
5. There is so much in this report that was not covered during our meetings, that I do not even recognize it.

Respectfully submitted,
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> ----- Original Message -----
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> Sent: Sunday, April 04, 2010 3:36 PM
> Subject: Re: CTP Comments
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> I think this report is a credit to those who authored it and will provide
> the guidance the BOS need to move forward. That being said, I don't recall
> much of this being covered at the meetings we attended and while the report
> does mention bus service along the dulles toll road corridor, there are not
> specifics (where the stops would be). One that I specifically mentioned was
> all day service between the LoCo park and ride lots to the Herndon Monroe
> bus station which would connect with the Fairfax Connector 950 route which
> provides direct service to West Falls Church Metro all day. In my opinion,
> this should be done in Phase 1 or sooner.
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> I am aware that the commuter bus riders voiced their opinion that commuter
> buses should continue even after Metrorail gets to Loudoun. Although that
> may be the politically correct thing to do, I seriously doubt that this will
> remain a viable alternative once Metro is here. I think the bus ridership
> will decline steeply. Therefore, I would urge the BOS not to make any
> capital investments in busses for this until ridership is proven to make it
> worthwhile after Metrorail is established.
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> Stu Shatz
> ----- Original Message -----
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> Sent: Thursday, April 1, 2010 11:36:39 AM GMT -05:00 US/Canada Eastern

> Subject: RE: CTP Comments

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> Commissioner Syska, Mrs. Baker and Mr. Shatz -

> Attached please find pdf copies of the transit portions of the CTP

> (including the latest revisions completed this week) that are small enough

> to be emailed. Appendix 4, the remaining transit section which contains the

> route profiles, is 10MB, so I did not want to risk clogging up your email

> accounts. If you are interested in reviewing it however, it is available as

> part of the pdf of the overall document on the CTP website at

> www.loudounctp.com. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to

> call or email.

> Thanks,

> Andy

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> -----Original Message-----

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> Subject: CTP Comments

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> Dear Andy,

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> One comment regarding the revised 2010 CTP, the others have been addressed

> by other Commissioners:

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> You may recall that I had concerns regarding the Transit portion of the

> document. I do not have confidence that the process that was followed with

> the TPAC, appointed to "provide a transit vision and associated operational

> and financial plans . . .," was adequate. Staff has my e-mail of October

> 6, 2009, addressing my concerns, which persist.

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> I would appreciate your e-mailing a copy of the revised 2010 CTP document to

> Mrs. Brenda Baker and Mr. Stu Shatz, TPAC members, for their review, so they

> have it before we vote and send our recommendation to the Board of

> Supervisors. Their e-mail addresses are noted in the cc.

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> Thank you, and thank you for preparing such a professional document for our

> review.

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> Helena

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- > Helena Syska
- > Sterling District Planning Commissioner
- > County of Loudoun ~ Commonwealth of Virginia
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- > becomes part of the public record and may be subject to inspection under the
- > Virginia Freedom of Information Act.
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